

Zimbabwe

COUNTRY:
Zimbabwe

USAID FUNDING PERIOD:
March 2001-March 2006

PROJECT:
Linkages for the Economic Advancement
of the Disadvantaged (LEAD)

USAID AMOUNT:
\$12.5 million total project (a portion supports activities related to orphans and other vulnerable children)

IMPLEMENTING ORGANIZATIONS:
Development Alternatives, Inc.,
International Capital Corporation,
Aid To Artisans, Vulindlela/ACCION,
Junior Achievement Zimbabwe

PURPOSE

The project uses a range of economic-strengthening interventions to assist vulnerable populations to cope with the economic impacts of HIV/AIDS and other crises (economic and political). LEAD facilitates market opportunities and develops business skills for disadvantaged communities and youth.

PRIORITY ACTIVITIES, 2001-2002

- Identify growth markets and link disadvantaged populations to these markets through brokering, training, and service provision.
- Work with microfinance industry in Zimbabwe to better serve clients affected by HIV/AIDS.
- Work with Junior Achievement Zimbabwe (JAZ) to create a business training curriculum for disadvantaged youth at risk of HIV/AIDS.
- Work with community-based organizations involved in AIDS care and support to develop stronger and higher-value income-generating activities through market linkages and skill development.

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

- The project can provide expertise for other orphans and vulnerable children projects in the following areas:

- Linking business skills to community-based organizations;
- Linking adolescents and youth to economic opportunities;
- Roles and limits of microfinance in responding to HIV/AIDS; and
- Monitoring the economic effect of interventions on HIV/AIDS.

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COUNTRY:
Zimbabwe

USAID FUNDING PERIOD:
2001-2003

PROJECT:
Capacity Building for Community-Based
Organizations Assisting Orphans and
Vulnerable Children

USAID AMOUNT:
\$2.5 million

IMPLEMENTING ORGANIZATION:
To be determined—October 2001

PURPOSE

This cooperative agreement supports an umbrella program of sub-agreements and/or sub-contracts and technical assistance and training to community-based organizations to strengthen their capacity to deliver and sustain current community efforts to help children affected by AIDS. Sub-agreements and sub-contracts and technical advice and training on best practices will be offered to community-based organizations not currently assisting communities and children affected by AIDS as incentives for them to begin. Networking and technical exchanges to share strategies, best practices, and lessons learned will be supported. Scholarships for school fees and other educational costs will address major constraints faced by children, families, and communities responding to the needs of children affected by AIDS.

The implementing organization will employ the best technical strategies to achieve phase one of the project. Phase one involves identifying the most appropriate mix of technical expertise, training, sub-agreements and sub-contracts to test pilot interventions benefiting children affected by AIDS. Phase one of the program also includes the design and management of a scholarship fund for children affected by AIDS, especially girls at the primary and secondary levels. The implementing organization must emphasize

community management, community participation, and community decisions about scholarship recipients, structure and management of scholarships, and relationships with schools.

PRIORITY ACTIVITIES, 2001–2002

- Begin phase one of a program of assistance to community based organizations; for example, award small sub-agreements and/or sub-contracts and begin technical assistance/training.
- Conduct research (e.g., situation analysis) and develop plan for phase one of the project that will consist of testing pilot interventions for sustainability and adaptability in perhaps eight sites in eight regions.
- Undertake competitive selection process in Zimbabwe to identify a local partner to implement an education scholarship program for children affected by AIDS.
- Initiate scholarship program for children affected by AIDS in tandem with a local partner.

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COUNTRY:
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IMPLEMENTING ORGANIZATION:
Pact Zimbabwe

PROJECT:
Nongovernmental Organization
Strengthening Program–Orphan Control
and Care

USAID FUNDING PERIOD:
July 2000–September 2002

USAID AMOUNT:
\$300,000

PURPOSE

The orphan control and care program works to strengthen the capacity of nongovernmental organizations to facilitate and replicate community-driven and sustained programs that integrate effective HIV prevention with care for orphans. Pact is working with nongovernmental organizations to strengthen their capacity to carry out three critical activities:

- Facilitate the development of community-led orphan strategies;
- Support communities to implement these program in the long term; and
- Replicate successful programs within other communities.

Pact will provide training and mentoring to ensure that nongovernmental organizations have overall organizational capacity to manage and administer orphan-related programs with an emphasis on community and resource mobilization. Assistance will also include grants to nongovernmental organizations to supplement and complement the training and mentoring. The grants will ensure expanded coverage and improved quality of orphan care programs.

KEY ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- A partnership was formed between Pact and six nongovernmental organizations that work with orphans due to AIDS in Zimbabwe;
- A network of orphan-focused nongovernmental organizations was formed;
- With extensive partner involvement and participation, an organizational capacity assessment tool was developed, pretested, and applied with all program partners;
- Best practices were shared;
- Nongovernmental organizations have facilitated the establishment of community-based orphan care support initiatives; and

- Through grants, six nongovernmental organizations have supported orphans with school fees and other school requirements.

PRIORITY ACTIVITIES, 2001–2002

- Orphans and vulnerable children psychosocial support training for nongovernmental organization staff and community caregivers continues;
- Life skills and coping mechanisms for orphans in development;
- Skills training for community members to continue promoting self reliance in community-based orphan care and support is ongoing;
- Promising practices from the lessons learned will be documented; and
- Lessons will be shared among nongovernmental organizations through site visits.

PROJECT MATERIALS AND TOOLS

- Handbook on establishing and maintaining orphan care committees; and
- Psychosocial support training guide.

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